

includes claims 7-16 and 23-25. The remaining claims, 1-6 and 17-22, are withdrawn without prejudice and Applicant reserves the right to reintroduce them in a divisional application at a later date.

Applicant traverses the restriction requirement because the Office Action does not appear to show how the process of claims 7-16 (and 23-25) could be practiced using a product materially different from that of claims 1-6 or claims 17-22. Similarly, the Office Action does not appear to show how the product of claims 1-6 and 17-22 could be used in a process materially different from that of claims 7-16 (and 23-25). Pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 806.05(h), the burden is on the examiner to provide an example.

In view of the foregoing Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement.

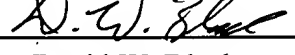
It is believed that the application is in condition for substantive examination, which action is respectfully requested. If there are any questions regarding this response, please contact the Applicant's representative at (612) 373-6911.

Applicant believes that no new subject matter is introduced by the amendment, that support exists for the amendment in the specification, and that the subject matter lies within that which is to be otherwise searched and examined.

Respectfully submitted,

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